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AFTER FINAL PROCEDURE - PLEASE EXPEDITE HANDLING

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Tatsuya TAMURA et al.

Application No.: 09/700,879

Confirmation No.: 4185

Filed: November 20, 2000

For: CONJUGATE OF THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR JOINT DISEASE AND HYALURONIC ACID

Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: L. C. Maier

Washington, D.C.

Atty.'s Docket: TAMURA=5

Date: September 22, 2004

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [XX] AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
TOTAL	* 54	MINUS ** 72	0
INDEP.	* 1	MINUS *** 3	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9	\$	x 18	\$
x 43	\$	x 86	\$
+ 145	\$	+ 290	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL		TOTAL	

OR

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

- Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefore.

- It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- First - \$ 55.00
- Second - \$ 210.00
- Third - \$ 475.00
- Fourth - \$ 740.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- First - \$ 110.00
- Second - \$ 420.00
- Third - \$ 950.00
- Fourth - \$ 1480.00

Month After Time Period Set

1st use:
Multiple fee
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- Less fees (\$ _____) already paid for _____ month(s) extension of time on _____

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ _____

- Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ _____

- A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached (check no. _____)

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.16.

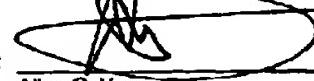
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